

now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 519, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 519) congratulating the Miami Heat for winning the National Basketball Association Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, it is a happy occasion for Floridians that the Miami Heat won the NBA championship last night, having now won four games in a row after having lost the first two games in Dallas to the Dallas Mavericks.

Naturally, we Floridians have a great deal of pride in this championship coming to our State of Florida. I can tell you that the city of Miami is absolutely going bonkers, they are so happy.

I think it is also noteworthy that two national basketball championships have now been won by teams in the State of Florida within the same year. Earlier this year, in the playoffs of the NCAA, the national champions are the Florida Gators. And then followed by a couple of months, now we have the national NBA champions, the Miami Heat.

Congratulations to Miami, to the University of Florida, congratulations to the State of Florida, and congratulations to the sport of basketball.

Mr. TALENT. I am glad the Senators from Texas were not here, Mr. President.

I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 519) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 519

Whereas on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, the Miami Heat defeated the Dallas Mavericks by a score of 95 to 92, in Dallas, Texas;

Whereas that victory marks the first National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship for the Miami Heat franchise;

Whereas after losing the first 2 games of the NBA Finals, the Heat came back to win

4 games in a row, which earned the team an overall record of 69-37 and the right to be named NBA champions;

Whereas Pat Riley, over his 11 seasons with the Heat, has maintained a standard of excellence within the franchise and has won his fifth championship as head coach of an NBA team;

Whereas Dwyane Wade, who averaged 34.7 points in the series, was named the Most Valuable Player of the NBA Finals following the Heat victory;

Whereas Shaquille O'Neal fulfilled his 2004 promise to his teammates and the residents of Miami by delivering the title to the Miami Heat;

Whereas each member of the Miami Heat roster, including Derek Anderson, Shandon Anderson, Earl Barron, Michael Doleac, Udonis Haslem, Jason Kapon, Alonzo Mourning, Shaquille O'Neal, Gary Payton, James Posey, Wayne Simien, Dwyane Wade, Antoine Walker, Jason Williams, and Dorell Wright, played a meaningful role in bringing the NBA Championship to Miami;

Whereas owner Micky Arison has built a top-flight sports franchise and shown a consistent commitment to bringing a winning team to Miami; and

Whereas, the Miami Heat and its fans are hot in the wake of its first NBA championship: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(a) congratulates the Miami Heat for its victory in the 2006 National Basketball Association Championship; and

(b) requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit for appropriate display an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(1) the owner of the Miami Heat, Micky Arison; and

(2) the general manager and coach of the Miami Heat, Pat Riley.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 22. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 2766, the Defense authorization bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that there then be 60 minutes of debate divided as follows: Senator WARNER in control of 30 minutes, Senator LEVIN in control of 15 minutes, Senator KERRY in control of 15 minutes.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the 60 minutes, the Demo-

cratic leader be recognized for up to 15 minutes to close, to be followed by the majority leader for up to 15 minutes to close. Finally, I ask consent that following that time, the Senate proceed to the vote on the Levin amendment, to be followed by a vote in relation to the Kerry amendment, with no amendment in order to the Kerry amendment, to be followed by the vote on invoking cloture. Further, I ask consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### FILING OF SECOND-DEGREE AMENDMENTS

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that second-degree amendments be filed no later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, today, we have had lengthy debate on the Levin and Kerry amendments on Iraq. Tomorrow morning, we will have approximately 90 minutes for closing remarks before a series of votes. We will be voting on the Levin language, the Kerry language, and finally on cloture on the Defense bill. Under the provisions of rule XXII and the previous consent, the filing deadline for second-degree amendments will be at 10:30 tomorrow. We hope cloture will be invoked and that we can then work toward completing this vitally important Defense authorization measure. Additional votes are expected during Thursday's session.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:36 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 22, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.